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SUBJECT: NATIONAL SYMPHONY'S CANCELLATION EUROPEAN  
TOUR 1976

REF: STRAUS/RITCHESON TELCON DECEMBER 29 RE.  
NATIONAL SYMPHONY'S CANCELLATION EUROPEAN TOUR 1976

1. EDINBURGH FESTIVAL AUTHORITIES INFORM POST  
NATIONAL SYMPHONY'S CANCELLATION 1976 EDINBURGH  
FESTIVAL ARRANGEMENTS CAUSING DEEP DISTRESS AND  
EMBARRASSMENT. IT SHOULD BE PARTICULARLY NOTED  
NATIONAL SYMPHONY WAS TO BE FEATURED AS ONLY, REPEAT

ONLY, MAJOR BICENTENNIAL MUSICAL EVENT AT 1976  
EDINBURGH FESTIVAL. CANCELLATION LEAVES AMERICAN  
MUSIC ALTOGETHER UNREPRESENTED. FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS  
WITH AMERICAN DRAMA GROUPS HAVE PROVED UNSUCCESSFUL  
AND THUS AMERICAN PERFORMING ARTS ARE ALTOGETHER  
ELIMINATED. EXTREMELY UNLIKELY THAT FESTIVAL  
AUTHORITIES WILL FIND SUITABLE AMERICAN ALTERNATIVES  
WITHOUT MAJOR OFFICIAL EFFORT BY OUR GOVERNMENT.

2. FESTIVAL AUTHORITIES HAVE MADE OFFICIAL PROTESTS  
AND REPRESENTATIONS TO AMBASSADOR.

3. URGE SPEEDIEST ACTION SINCE FESTIVAL AUTHORITIES  
STATE VITAL NEED TO COMPLETE PROGRAM WITHIN MATTER  
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